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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 30, 2008, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response, to end January 30, 2009, no extension of time is believed necessary. However, the Office is authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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